

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to our Democracy caused by media consolidation. The greater the consolidation the less REAL NEWS is presented to the public.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. This is just the latest example of Big Media serving their corporations bottom line and not their duty in return for use of the public's airwaves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. We should also re-instate the fair play rules that were previously revoked. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

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